## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 95-652-E - ORDER NO. 95-837

APRIL 5. 1995

IN RE: Request of Carolina Power & Light Company for Approval of Landlord Agreement Contract Form and Change to Service Regulations.

ORDER APPROVING LANDLORD AGREEMENT CONTRACT FORM AND CHANGE TO SERVICE

REGULATIONS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a request from Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L) for approval of revised Service Regulations and approval of Landlord Agreement Contract Form.

Regarding the revision to the Service Regulations, CP&L requests Commission approval to change Provision No. 3 Service Charge of its Service Regulations. The requested change would establish a separate service charge of \$9.00 for customers who participate in CP&L's Landlord Agreement Program. The Landlord Agreement Program was developed to meet the needs of apartment and multi-unit owner/managers (landlords) within CP&L's service area and to reduce CP&L's costs.

The Landlord Agreement allows participating landlords to designate rental units where electric service will be automatically established in the landlord's name when a tenant requests termination of his or her electric service. CP&L states that the Program is a convenience to landlords because when a

tenant vacates a premises, the landlord often needs the electricity to clean and prepare the premises for the next tenant and to operate the heating system in the winter to prevent damage from frozen pipes when there is no tenant.

CP&L states that in the absence of a Landlord Agreement, CP&L would disconnect service when the tenant left the premises and then, upon the request of the landlord, would connect service in the name of the landlord. This method required a separate premise visit for the disconnect and for the reconnect, and would cost the landlord a service charge of \$15.00. The Landlord Agreement allows CP&L to reduce its operating costs by accomplishing the disconnection of the tenant and the connection of the landlord's services in one trip. CP&L wishes to introduce a \$9.00 service charge for landlord agreement participants effective on or after April 11, 1995.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission believes and so finds that CP&L's request of approval of the Landlord Agreement Contract Form, and the change to CP&L's Service Regulations should be, and is, approved. Approval of CP&L's Landlord Agreement Program will benefit those customers eligible for participation by offering them a convenient and less expensive method of reconnecting electric service upon the vacating of a premises by a tenant.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. CP&L's Landlord Agreement is approved.
- 2. CP&L may establish a separate service charge of \$9.00

for customers who participate in the Landlord Agreement Program.

- 3. The effective date of the new service charge shall be April 11, 1995.
- 4. CP&L shall file a copy of its revised Service Regulations with the Commission within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order.
- 5. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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